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Increase in the supply of water to the East Godavari delta.

*1153 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to the question of increasing the supply of water to the delta in East Godavari—

(a) whether detailed plans and estimates called for from the Chief Engineer for altering the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly have been received by the Government;

(b) when the above arrangements are made what the estimated probable increase in the supply of water to the delta will be; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the opinion of the engineers is definite on the question that it is the above arrangement that will increase the supply of water to the delta and not the introduction of higher falling shutters?

A.—(a) They were not submitted to the Government by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation as the estimate was within his powers of sanction.

(b) Three feet of water over the crest of the anicut necessary to send a full supply to the canals in the Central delta will be maintained.

(c) The opinion of the Engineers is definite on the point that the above arrangement will increase the supply of water to the delta. The introduction of higher falling shutters would no doubt improve the supply, but it will cost about three lakhs, while the approved arrangement, viz., raising the shutter pivots by one inch, will cost only Rs. 2,600.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Chief Engineer has issued orders for the work being undertaken? It is stated that the matter is within his powers."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know for how long this question has been pending with the Chief Engineer?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"Which question, Sir?"

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Clause (a) of the question—the question of providing travelling cranes to lift the shutters."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"That project has been postponed to see the result of raising the shutter pivots by one inch."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"My question is for how long this question of providing travelling cranes was before the Chief Engineer?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"If the hon. Member wants information as to when the question was first proposed, I must have notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know the object of the Government in putting up shutter pivots of increased height? Is it to supplement the existing irrigation facilities, or to increase the area under cultivation?"

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The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The idea was, I believe, to improve supply to the central delta. The amount is very small. As the hon. Member will see, it is only Rs. 2,600. "

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the Government consider the possibility of increasing the ayacut of the Godavari delta ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That matter would, no doubt, be considered."

Construction of quarters for the officers at the Headworks of the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

* 1154 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of buildings constructed for officers at the Headworks of the Cauvery-Mettur Project ;

(*b*) the capital cost of each ;

(*c*) by whom the same is occupied ;

(*d*) whether any rent is charged ; and

(*e*) whether the officers receive any extra allowance ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement[a] giving the information is placed on the table.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*), may I know why no rent is charged for officers who occupy the buildings there ? "

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It was explained in connexion with our discussion on the Cauvery-Mettur Project, that this was one of the concessions given to the officers living there ? "

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Do they get any extra allowance ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir, except this. "

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Do the Government propose to extend this concession for any length of time, or is there any time-limit for this concession ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" During the construction of the project, Sir. "

Land Revenue

Inclusion of lands in the Kistna ayacut.

* 1155 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report said to have been called for by the Government in the answer to question No. 584 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding the levy of penal assessment on lands included in the ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta has been received ; and

(*b*) if so, what it is ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the information[b] already sent to the hon. Member is laid on the table. It is a reproduction of the Board's report.

a Printed as Appendix III on page 415 infra.

b Printed as Appendix IV on page 416 infra.